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Applicant : S. ITOH et al

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FOR VIDEO INFORMATION

Group Art Unit : S. Buczinski

Examiner : 3662

LETTER REGARDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT


Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

May 25, 2001

Sir:

It is noted that applicants are presently in the process of preparing a preliminary amendment for the Examiner to consider prior to acting on this continuation application filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(b). Accordingly, if the preliminary amendment is not in the file of the application when the Examiner takes up this application for examination, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative in charge of this application at that time to

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Sir:

This preliminarily submitted Amendment is concurrently
being filed with the above-referenced continuation
application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-25 inclusive without prejudice or
disclaimer.

Remarks

The above-noted claims are being canceled for purposes of
calculating the official filing fee in connection with this
continuation application.

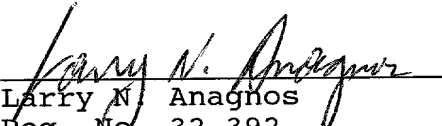
Applicants are presently in the process of preparing a
follow-up Preliminary Amendment to be filed shortly, which

will include a new set of claims for prosecution. In this connection, enclosed herewith is a paper entitled, "Letter Regarding Filing of A Preliminary Amendment," advising the Examiner that such a preliminary amendment is in the process of being prepared and will be filed subsequently to official notifications by the USPTO, of the new serial number and official filing date of the present continuation application.

Concurrently filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) including a cover letter and a listing therefor of all art documents of record during the prosecution history of the above-referenced prior application including in connection with the corresponding CPA's associated therewith. Also concurrently filed herewith is a transmittal re "Claim of Foreign Priority." Acceptance and formal entry of the same is respectfully requested.

Kindly charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, Dep. Acct. No. 01-2135 (500.34063CX3), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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